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PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT ANNOUNCES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
STANDING ORDER 3-08, IMPOUNDMENT OF QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS
ORDERS, DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS, AND ORDERS COMMONLY KNOWN AS
MANGIACOTTI ORDERS

The Probate and Family Court Administrative Office has announced that Standing Order 3-08, Impoundment of Qualified Domestic Relations Orders, Domestic Relations Orders, and Orders commonly known as *Mangiacotti* Orders will be effective on March 10, 2008. These orders contain highly sensitive personal and financial information. Thus, in order to protect the privacy of parties to a case, we have written this Standing Order which will keep the orders separate and unavailable for public inspection.

The Probate and Family Court Administrative Office solicited comment on the Standing Order from our judges and court personnel as well as members of the Bar Associations. A number of helpful suggestions were submitted and included in the final version of the Standing Order. The Standing Order can be found at www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/probateandfamilycourt.